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**VENEZUELA** Businesses, shops and banks were closed and police across the country while police patrolled the streets of Caracas December 10 at the start of a one-day strike called to protest President Chavez's left-leaning policies. *(Reuters)*

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